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Letter dated 13 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter which Mr. Somsavath Lengsavad and Prince Norodom Sirivudh, Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and of the interim national Government of Cambodia, respectively, have sent to you (see annex), and an unofficial French translation of the joint Lao-Cambodian communiqué dated 31 July 1993 (see appendix).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and of its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 79 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alounkeo KITTIKHOUN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 31 July 1993 from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and of the interim national Government of Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and of Cambodia, we have the honour to transmit herewith the joint Lao-Cambodian communiqué dated 31 July 1993 (see appendix).

We should be very grateful if you would have this letter and its appendix circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 79 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Somsavath LENGSAVAD
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of the Government of the
Lao People's Democratic Republic

(Signed) NORODOM SIRIVUDH
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the interim national
Government of Cambodia

APPENDIX

Joint Lao-Cambodian communiqué issued on 31 July 1993 at Vientiane

1. His Royal Highness Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, co-Presidents of the interim national Government of Cambodia, made an official visit of friendship to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 28 to 31 July 1993 at the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

2. During their stay in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, H.R.H. Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and H.E. Mr. Hun Sen were received by H.E. Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. On that occasion, the guests and their host had talks on the relations between the two countries in a cordial atmosphere of good mutual understanding. H.E. President Nouhak Phoumsavanh also requested them to transmit to His Royal Highness Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State of Cambodia, and to Samdech Preah Cheaya an invitation to make a state visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic at a time convenient to them.

The two co-Presidents expressed deep gratitude to H.E. President Nouhak Phoumsavanh for his kind invitation to His Royal Highness Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and Samdech Preah Cheaya and assured him that they would transmit it to its distinguished destination.

3. H.R.H. Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and H.E. Mr. Hun Sen and their entourage placed a wreath at the monument to unknown soldiers and visited production centres and historical and cultural sites at both Vientiane and Luang Prabang. They were given a warm welcome wherever they went.

4. The delegation of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, headed by H.E. Mr. Khamtay Siphandone, and the delegation of the interim national Government of Cambodia, headed by H.R.H. Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and H.E. Mr. Hun Sen, talked in an atmosphere of friendship and cordiality. During the talks, the two parties exchanged views on the international and regional situations, gained information about the situation in their respective countries, and also discussed the prospects for relations of bilateral cooperation.

5. The Lao side warmly welcomed the results of the general elections which were held recently in Cambodia, in May, and the formation of the Constituent Assembly and of the interim national Government of Cambodia, which represent significant results of the implementation of the policy of national harmony in that country.

In that spirit, H.E. Mr. Khamtay Siphandone expressed deep appreciation for the significant and noble role played by His Royal Highness Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State and Father of the Cambodian nation, in promoting national reconciliation, peace, stability and the well-being of the entire Cambodian people and in the consolidation and development of

the traditional ties of friendship and solidarity between the two countries and peoples.

6. On behalf of the Lao Government and people, H.E. Mr. Khamtay Siphandone expressed warm congratulations to H.R.H. Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and H.E. Mr. Hun Sen on their appointments as co-Presidents of the interim national Government of Cambodia and wished them great success in carrying out their noble task of making Cambodia an independent, peaceful, neutral, non-aligned and prosperous country having friendly relations with all countries, particularly the neighbouring countries.

7. The Lao party reiterated its firm desire to continue to maintain and develop the traditional relations of friendship and good-neighbourliness between the Lao and Cambodian peoples.

8. H.R.H. Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and H.E. Mr. Hun Sen, co-Presidents of the interim national Government of Cambodia, expressed deep gratitude to H.E. Mr. Khamtay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, for his kind invitation to make an official visit of friendship to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which is clear proof of the desire to strengthen the traditional ties of friendship, solidarity and cooperation between the Lao and Cambodian countries and peoples.

9. The delegation of the interim national Government of Cambodia expressed its sincere thanks to the Lao Government and people for their very active contribution to the peace process in Cambodia since the beginning of the peace negotiations, particularly after the signing of the Paris Agreements and until the Cambodian people organized free and democratic general elections in Cambodia, selected the members of the Constituent Assembly and subsequently established the interim national Government of Cambodia.

10. The two parties stressed the importance of the development of the traditional relations of friendship and good-neighbourliness between the two countries on the basis of the principles of mutual respect for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in the domestic affairs of each country, non-use of force or threat of its use, peaceful settlement of all problems arising in relations between the two countries, cooperation, equality and mutual advantage. This corresponds to the fundamental long-term interests of each people and accords with the spirit of the Paris Agreements on Cambodia of 23 October 1991, which the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Cambodia duly signed.

11. In this spirit, the two parties laid emphasis on the expansion of cooperation between the two countries in the economic, commercial, cultural, scientific and technical fields.

12. The two parties noted that the international situation as a whole is still difficult and complex. However, the general trend of the situation in South-East Asia is one of improvement in the relations of friendship and cooperation among the countries of the region.

13. The two parties took the view that the official visit of friendship by the delegation of the interim national Government of Cambodia to the Lao People's

Democratic Republic was a success, thereby marking a new stage in the development of the traditional relations of friendship and good-neighbourliness between the two countries and peoples.

14. H.R.H. Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and H.E. Mr. Hun Sen, co-Presidents of the interim national Government of Cambodia, once again expressed their deep gratitude to the Lao Government and people, who had given them a warm and hospitable welcome. On behalf of the interim national Government of Cambodia, H.R.H. Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and H.E. Mr. Hun Sen invited H.E. Mr. Khamtay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to make an official visit of friendship to Cambodia at a suitable time. This invitation was gratefully accepted and the date of the visit will be communicated through the diplomatic channel.

For the Government of the
Lao People's Democratic Republic

Khamtay SIPHANDONE
Prime Minister

For the interim national
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NORODOM RANARIDDH
co-President

HUN SEN
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